PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our flag is the emblem of our unity and the symbol of our determination to remain free; and

WHEREAS, George Washington needed an emblem of unity. The inspired fingers of Betsy Ross stitched together such an emblem. It was an emblem which bound together people of diverse nationalities, of different religious beliefs, from all walks of life. Their bond was a common desire for liberty against a tyrannical force; and

WHEREAS, in these times of continuing crises, as in those of the past, Americans look again to the noblest expression of man's earthly aspirations: the principles of freedom, justice and equality under the law, upon which our forefathers established this nation. The American way of life is built upon these principles. It can only be preserved by constant vigilance, hard work and often sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, The principle purpose of National Flag Week is to awaken in the American consciousness an awareness of this truth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARCHIE GUBBRUD, Governor of the State of South Dakota, in cooperation with the President of the United States, and the National Flag Week Committee, do hereby proclaim June 14-20, 1964, as

NATIONAL FLAG WEEK

in South Dakota. I urge that throughout that week the flag of the United States be displayed each day on public, industrial and commercial buildings and on the homes of our citizens. Let us all pledge anew that we are a people united, a people who, following the words of Frances Bellamy, "pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, Under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and
caused the Great Seal of
the State of South Dakota
to be affixed on this 22nd
day in May in the year of
our Lord, one thousand nine
hundred and sixty-four.

Archie Gubbrud
ARCHIE GUBBRUD, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ESSIE WILDERMAN, SECRETARY OF STATE

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